

WADE H. COOPER INDICTED ON LIBEL CHARGE

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WILSON WIS ON TEST VOTE FOR REPEAL

WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST IS A RESULT OF WRIGHT CASE

Action Based on Accusations Made by District Banker About Judge, Filed Last Month at White House.

Indictment Charges Cooper "Maliciously Contrived and Intended to Vilify and Defame Capital Jurist."

Wade H. Cooper, president of the United States Savings Bank, was indicted by the grand jury this afternoon on a charge of criminal libel in connection with the charges against Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the District Supreme Court, which he presented at the White House February 26.

Immediately after the grand jury returned the indictment against Mr. Cooper, a bench warrant was issued on the order of Assistant District Attorney Harvey Green, for Mr. Cooper's apprehension.

The warrant charges him with criminal libel, and is based on information contained in the indictment. The warrant was placed in the hands of the United States marshal, with directions to serve it at once.

The maximum penalty for the offense charged in the indictment is five years' imprisonment.

The charges on which the indictment is based were referred by the White House to the Attorney General, who sent them to the House Judiciary Committee, which returned them without taking any action because of lack of corroboration, and because of the fact that they were not sworn to by Mr. Cooper.

The indictment:

It is set forth in the indictment: "That one Wade H. Cooper, late of the District of Columbia, on the 26th day of February, 1914, and at the District of Columbia, feloniously, unlawfully and maliciously contrived and intended to vilify and defame the said Daniel Thew Wright, and to bring him, the said Daniel Thew Wright, into public scorn, contempt, ridicule and disgrace, and to deprive, the said Daniel Thew Wright, of his good name, fame, credit and reputation as such Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia as aforesaid, and to injure, defame and disgrace him, the said Daniel Thew Wright, of his great hatred and ill will toward the said Daniel Thew Wright, feloniously, unlawfully and maliciously did compose, write, and publish, and cause to be composed, written, and published, a certain false, scandalous, malicious, and defamatory libel of and concerning him, the said Daniel Thew Wright, and of and concerning his said office of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and of and concerning his conduct and behavior therein, in a certain part of which said libel, scandalous, malicious, and defamatory libel there were and are contained certain false, malicious, defamatory and libelous words, and of and concerning him, the said Daniel Thew Wright."

Allegations in the Cooper charges, on which the indictment is based, are set forth in the bill a considerable length.

Cost of Living Inquiry Here Will Cost \$6,000

The report of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, made public today, in favor of the Kenyon resolution for an investigation into the cost of living of wage earners in the District, contains a copy of a letter sent to Senator Shields from Commissioner of Labor Statistics Royal Meeker, in which he makes a detailed estimate of the expense involved. He calculates it will be \$6,000. Mr. Meeker also outlines his views as to a study of wage earners' living costs in the District. He favors the investigation.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.

Met at noon. District Committee ordered favorable report on the Sherman resolution relating to plaza awards. Favorable report by District Committee on nomination of Cotter T. Brice to be excise commissioner. Cotton futures legislation again considered.

Senator Gallinger introduced resolution affirming the right of free passage for American coastwise ships using the Panama canal.

Commissioners Issue Call For District Clean-up Week To Be Started on April 13

Proclamation Designates Easter Week as Period for General Renovation of City, Indoors and Out, in Interest of Health and Sanitation.

Calling on every citizen in the District to aid in the work of the clean city committee, the Commissioners today issued a proclamation designating the week of April 13 as city cleaning week.

Following is the proclamation: Realizing the beneficial results to be derived from concerted and cooperative effort upon the part of all civic organizations, individual citizens, and the several departments of our local government to make Washington a more sanitary and beautiful city; and, in recognition of and to promote the work of the clean city committee, the Commissioners do hereby designate the week of April 13 to 18, 1914, as city cleaning week. In order that the committee may have every possible aid in its laudable work, the Commissioners call upon all citizens to clean up their premises, residential and business, and assure the committee of the active support of the several departments under their control. The board room of the District building is placed at the committee's disposal for meetings incident to the campaign. After the work is completed the committee will report to the Commissioners the results obtained.

SENATE ASKED TO SUPPORT FREE TOLLS

Senator Gallinger Introduces Resolution Against Exemption Repeal.

Senator Gallinger introduced in the Senate today a substitute for the Lewis resolution which was introduced yesterday. It takes a strong stand against the repeal of "free tolls." The Gallinger substitute expressed the view that it is the true American doctrine that "American interests are in the hands of Americans than in the hands of European or other foreign nations," that it is the sense of the Senate "free tolls" can be secured by the coastwise ships without infringement on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that any denial of that right by foreign powers is an unwarranted demand, which cannot be granted without a surrender of American rights which American interests and honor demand, shall be maintained at all hazards. Further, the resolution holds that "there is neither necessity nor justice in repealing the 'free tolls' provision of the Panama canal act, the purpose of the exemption being to aid American shipping in its unequal contest with the subsidized shipping of other countries, which will probably include the payment of tolls by those governments on their vessels passing through the canal."

1,200 CHILDREN WILL DANCE AT PAGEANT

Rehearsals for Big Production Will Begin Monday Under Author's Direction.

Twelve hundred school children, recruited from every grade and high school in the District, will form the ballet in the Greek pageant to be given in the week of May 16 under the auspices of the trade bodies of Washington.

This was announced at a meeting of the joint committee on arrangements today, when F. W. McKenney was appointed chairman of a committee to visit on the Board of Education and obtain its permission for absence of the pupils from school. Rehearsals will begin next Monday in the old Builders' Exchange, 1217 H street southwest, but they will be limited so as to interfere very little with school hours.

The children who participate will be selected by Sidney M. Hirsch, author of the pageant, at whose request the committee to wait on the Board of Education was appointed by Chairman Isaac Gane of the joint committee. An orchestra of forty pieces will furnish the music, under the direction of Solomon Minster, whose offer of his services gratis for the occasion was gratefully acknowledged at today's meeting.

It was decided to hold the pageant on the vacant block at the Avenue of the Presidents and Florida avenue northwest, instead of at the horse show grounds, as was at first proposed. The reason given for the change was that the new location is nearer the residential district, and is more easily reached by car lines.

BETTER STREETS IN EACH SECTION OBJECT OF ORDER

District to Spend \$365,000 Immediately on Resurfacing With Asphalt.

MARYLAND AVENUE PAVING ESTIMATED AT \$44,000

List of Streets to Be Improved Announced With Orders Issued Today.

Orders for street improvements in every section of the city were issued by the Commissioners today. The work will begin immediately, under an appropriation of \$365,000 contained in the current District appropriation bill.

The following streets will be resurfaced with asphalt:

Klinsman place, from P to Q streets northwest; estimated cost, \$3,500.

Twenty-first street northwest, from R street to Florida avenue; \$2,700.

H street northwest, from Twentieth street to Twenty-second street; \$7,700.

Wallace street northwest, from Thirtieth street to Fourteenth street; \$4,000.

R street northwest, from Seventeenth street to New Hampshire avenue; \$4,500.

Johnson street northwest, from R street to S street; \$2,000.

E street northwest, from Fifth to Sixth streets; \$1,300.

Marion street northwest, from Q to R streets; \$1,800.

Eighteenth street northwest, from Corcoran to R streets; \$4,600.

V street northwest, from Thirteenth to Fourteenth streets; \$5,500.

M street southeast, from New Jersey avenue to South Capital street; \$10,000.

Q street northwest, from Fourteenth street to the Avenue of the Presidents; \$10,750.

Linworth place southwest, from C to D streets; \$2,000.

H street southeast, from Third street to Delaware avenue; \$5,500.

Twenty-first street northwest, from E to F streets; \$3,800.

Eighteenth street northwest, from E to F streets; \$2,500.

Twentieth street northwest, from O to P streets; \$3,000.

Fourth street northwest, from H street to Thomas circle; \$20,000.

M street southwest, from South Capitol to Third street; \$14,000.

H street northwest, from Pennsylvania avenue to Twentieth street; \$1,500.

Thirty-first street northwest, from R street to Massachusetts avenue; \$7,500.

Twenty-first street northwest, from K street to Massachusetts avenue; \$7,500.

T street southeast, from Fourth street to Virginia avenue; \$1,500.

T street northeast, from Second to Third streets; \$2,000.

Dumbarton avenue northwest, from Twenty-eighth to Thirtieth streets; \$2,000.

Church street northwest, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth streets; \$4,400.

Church street northwest, from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets; \$4,000.

Twelfth street northwest, from New York to Massachusetts avenues; \$11,500.

Seventeenth street northwest, from I to K streets; \$2,300.

Vermont avenue northwest, from Second to Third streets; \$2,000.

B street southwest, between Fourth street and Virginia avenue; \$2,000.

Tenth street northeast, from G to H streets; \$2,000.

Maryland avenue northeast, from Sixth to Fourteenth streets; \$10,000.

Ninth street northeast, between A and C streets; \$7,000.

Canal street southeast, from South Capitol to E street; \$900.

K street northeast, from North Capitol to First street; \$11,000.

Asks \$10,000 Damages Of Traction Company

A suit for \$10,000 damages was filed in the District Supreme Court today against the Capital Traction Company by Miss Sophie Pritchlynn, daughter of the late Peter Paul Pritchlynn, chief of the Choctaw Indian tribe. Miss Pritchlynn says she was injured on a street car December 19, when the register broke and the conductor's arm struck her.

Queen Ena Inaugurates Anti-Kissing Crusade

MADRID, March 27.—Queen Ena has inaugurated an anti-kissing crusade in Spain.

Revolting against the immemorial custom which required the Queen to kiss every youngster presented to her, King Alfonso's British consort announced that hereafter she would refrain unless she felt so inclined.

GEN. VILLA AGAIN MAKES READY TO ATTACK TORREON

Rebel Chief in Possession of Gomez Palacio Is Burying His Dead Today.

HE PREDICTS THE CAPTURE OF CITY BY TOMORROW

Constitutionalists at Juarez and Other Points Urged to Rush Supplies to Main Army.

GOMEZ PALACIO, Mexico, March 27.—(6 a. m. delayed)—Having recaptured this place from the federal defenders after a fierce battle, during which artillery was used with effect by both sides, Gen. Francisco Villa at this hour is making final arrangements for the care of his dead and wounded before giving the order for a general assault on Torreon itself.

Villa in a dispatch has urged Gen. Manuel Chao, military governor of Chihuahua state, at Juarez, to rush heavy supplies of building materials with which to repair the railroad.

Tried to Leave Torreon.

The federal attempt to leave Torreon for the south Thursday morning, said the dispatch, but were driven back into the city. Villa also reported that 3,000 constitutionalists, under Gen. Maclovio Herrera had been sent eastward for the purpose of making a feint against Saltillo. The dispatch closed with a statement that the rebels would be in possession of Torreon, together with the entire garrison, not later than Saturday.

Embargo On News.

Meanwhile the embargo on newspaper dispatches from the battlefield continued. Officials in Juarez assert the only reason correspondents at the scene are kept off the wire is lack of wire space.

The federal junta here has received many messages from Mexico City, and Piedras Negras, conflicting in many particulars, but all of them claiming that the federalists at Torreon are winning all along the line, and that the rebels are being driven back.

Railroad officials here were notified early today that telegraph wires connecting Mexico City with the border had been cut north at Monclova, destroying all communication by land lines with the capital.

Mexican Embassy Reports Rebel Defeat at Torreon

Charge Alcala, of the Mexican embassy, today made public the following message received from Mexico City: "Rebels decisively defeated at Torreon and driven back with great loss. Government has rushed 5,000 troops from Saltillo under command of General Mouron to reinforce the main army. Rebels also defeated near Monclova, losing more than a thousand men. Government troops victorious in the state of Tamaulipas where rebels have been defeated in several minor engagements."

PROBLEM OF ARMY STAYS BY ASQUITH

Premier Admits to House His Inability to Make Statement of Facts.

LONDON, March 27.—Premier Asquith appeared before the house of commons this afternoon and announced that, yet, he had not been able to untangle the serious situation in the army.

After a day of repeated conferences with his cabinet ministers, and Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff, and Adjutant General John Spencer Ewart, the premier had failed to get to the bottom of the situation, and he had not been able to untangle the serious situation in the army.

Asquith declared that he believed the loss of French, the virtual head of the army, and General Ewart would be a serious blow to the army and to the country. He admitted that both officers had been killed, and that the loss of their commands because they had signed the memorandum given General French and Ewart was a serious blow to the army and to the country.

The cabinet had endeavored to displace the officers from retiring from their posts, the premier declared, as there were no differences over the policy which they had followed.

Tyler Descendant Here to Seek Job



MISS MATTIE R. TYLER, Granddaughter of Tenth President of United States, Who Asks Wilson's Aid in Holding Place as Postmistress at Courtland, Va.

Granddaughter of the Tenth President Goes to the White House to Defeat "Clique of Politicians," Who She Says Replaced Her as Postmistress at Courtland, Va.

With the militant motto, "A Tyler Never Retreats," Miss Mattie R. Tyler, aged seventy, a granddaughter of former President Tyler, went to the White House this morning to defeat what she termed a "clique of Virginia politicians."

Miss Tyler, whose father, John Tyler, was private secretary to the tenth President, is postmistress at Courtland, Va. She has held the post seventeen years. It is a small town with less than a thousand inhabitants, and the office is a fourth-class one, paying \$650 a year. With this salary she supports herself and her sister.

APPOINTED MAN POSTMASTER.

Recently Postmaster General Burleson, on the recommendation of Congressman Holland and other Democrats in the district, which includes Courtland, appointed B. A. Williams postmaster. Williams' commission was made out and mailed March 24. Hearing of it, Miss Tyler came to Washington this morning to plead her own case. It was the first time in twenty-five years that she has ridden on a railroad train. She went from Courtland to Norfolk by rail, and came from the latter city to Washington by boat.

She did not see the President, but, at the suggestion of Assistant Secretary Brabury, will write a note to Mr. Wilson, asking for an appointment.

"This is the second time, according to Miss Tyler, that politicians in her county have succeeded in getting a Postmaster General to recommend another for her place. The first time occurred in President Roosevelt's Administration, but Miss Tyler wrote a personal appeal to Mr. Roosevelt, and the latter disregarded his Postmaster General. He wrote in reply to her letter, that she would not be disturbed as long as he was President."

Always On the Job.

"During the seventeen years that I have held the office," said Miss Tyler, who was trimly attired in black satin and wore an old-fashioned poke bonnet "I have never missed a day from sickness, nor have I ever left my post for pleasure. I handled fourteen mails a day, and every day I have opened the office at 6 o'clock in the morning and have not closed it until 11 o'clock at night."

"I have never taken a civil service examination, but in January an examination was held. Miss Sadie Cole, who is with me now, passed at the top of the list. Mr. Williams stood second. If I cannot have the place, certainly Miss Cole should have it."

BITTER WORDS MARK DEBATE BEFORE VOTE ON "GAG" RULE

Intense Excitement Prevails During Closing Minutes Before Vote, But Silence Rules During Roll Call.

Bitter Attack Made on Speaker Clark by Hardwick—Leader Underwood Gives His Views on Situation.

By a vote of 207 to 176, the Administration forces advocating the repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama canal act, on an initial victory in the House this afternoon. On this vote, the previous question of the so-called gag-rule rule to make privileged the repeal bill, was ordered.

The carrying of the previous question in this test vote on the repeal bill precludes a safe Administration majority. Speaker Clark asked the clerk to call his name at the end of the roll call, and when he voted in the negative he was accorded a demonstration by the opponents of repeal.

The ordering of the previous question makes adoption of the rule itself a formality, and this will follow. The action of the House precludes opportunity of amending the repeal bill or of lengthening the time of debate on it.

After a bitter, sensational, and spectacular debate, the House closed at 1:11 o'clock this afternoon its discussion of the special rule making in order the Administration's Panama canal tolls exemption repeal bill, and limiting debate on that measure.

Intense excitement prevailed during the closing hours of the debate, followed by a tense silence as the roll call was begun on the previous question on the rule.

The action of the previous question would mean an initial victory for the Administration and a defeat for the Clark, Underwood, Mann, and Murdoch followers, who have fought every inch of the way against the rule and the repeal.

Standing out in the closing debate this afternoon were the speeches of Majority Leader Underwood and Congressman Hardwick of Georgia. The Underwood speech was notable because it represented the first occasion upon which he had voiced opposition to the policy of the President.

The Hardwick speech, sensational in its nature, was an attack upon Speaker Clark.

Congressman Underwood, amid the shouts of his colleagues, asserted that "I am opposed to this bill and for that reason I oppose this rule. I regret that the bill is before the House. I hope it will be defeated."

Assails Speaker Clark. Congressman Hardwick assailed Speaker Clark "for issuing an eleventh-hour statement against the rule."

"The question here today is: Will you stand by a Democratic President or will you stand by the flag of men who are trying to stab the Administration in the back? Are you behind that glorious 'Democrat' from New Jersey?"

"I ask the gentleman from Missouri if he does not realize we must support this Administration or be driven into the wilderness for another forty years? I plead with members of this House to scorn to seek petty advantage at the expense of the honor, and beg them to support the greatest Democratic President we have had since Thomas Jefferson."

Galleries Crowded.

Crowded galleries watched the stirring debate on the floor below and scores were under to obtain admission. The galleries filled before 12 o'clock and all late comers were turned away. Many members and spectators expected Speaker Clark to take the floor.